

FDG Salmon Fly Course

Summer 2 – Mini Tube



Background

A great pattern for a mini ‘wake’ tube – especially for grilse on northern rivers in summer.

Many colour combinations possible. Gold body, Orange hackle and yellow sleeve works well.

Use Red Mucelin to grease fly, 6lb 10ft leader and first 10ft of floating #7 wt fly line. Raise rod tip after a square cast to create drag and a mini wake as the fly traverses the pool. Only cast when there is a ripple on the water and the sun is behind a cloud!

Pattern / Materials

Tube	17mm long slim plastic Tube 2mm OD / 1mm ID (Red tube from WD40 can is good, or liner tubes for tube flies)
Hook Sleeve	10mm long Fluoro Chartreuse slim Silicone Tube 2mm or 1.5mm ID (difficult to find)
Thread	Black 12/0
Body	Black Floss
Rib	Small Silver Flat Holographic Tinsel
Wing	Fine Black Stoat’s Tail (or Pine Martin tail if available) tied long all round
Head	Black Thread, clear varnished.
Hook	Silver (or Gold) straight eye Treble #16 (eg VMC). Not used for tying – just for fishing! Overall length of tube and hook will be about 23 mm.

Guidance Videos – Note that these videos illustrate techniques, but not the evaluation fly pattern.

<https://globalflyfisher.com/video/micro-tube-fly>

Method

1. It is important to keep the body of this tube fly very slim and smooth.
2. Heat head end of slim plastic tube with cigarette lighter to burr - to stop thread falling off head.
3. Slide 10mm length of soft silicone tube onto 17mm long plastic tube.
4. Mount plastic tube on needle in tube fly holder in vice.
5. Tie on thread and making touching turns to 2mm from tail catching in floss and rib.
6. Return thread to head.
7. Wind floss in close turns to form smooth body. Tie off at head. Trim surplus.
8. Wind rib in open turns to make about 5 or 6 turns up tube. Tie off at head. Trim surplus.
9. Tie in fine black hair all around at head.
10. Wrap silk to make small smooth head.
11. Varnish 2 coats, 24 hrs apart.
12. Insert treble hook into sleeve.